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LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF MARKET INFRASTURCTURE
BASUDEB ACHARIA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Tripura has submitted proposal in 1994-95 for the development of market infrastructure amounting to Rs. 9680 lakhs; and

(b) if so, details of the progress in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a): Yes, Sir. The State Government of Tripura had submitted to the Central Government in October, 1994 a Project profile for development of marketing infrastructure. Subsequently, this was followed by a detailed proposal in May, 1997 for financial assistance to the extent of Rs.9680 lakhs for the development of Post Harvest Management and other market infrastructure.

(b): The proposals submitted by the State Government of Tripura were examined by the Ministry of Rural Development and a new scheme for development of agricultural marketing strategies in the North-Eastern States was prepared.However, these proposals could not be approved as they were not covered by the schemes relating to agricultural marketing under the Ninth five Year Plan and the inability of the Planning Commission to allocate additional funds for the scheme during the Ninth Five Year Plan period.
Government have recently approved a scheme of Capital Investment subsidy forConstruction/Expansion/Modernisation of Cold Storages and Storages for HorticulturalProduce with a view to giving a major thrust for development of Post Harvest Management infrastructure in the country, including the North Eastern States.